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FM AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

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INFO AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

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DEPT FOR A.

WHITEHOUSE FOR VICE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE -- CAPT. HOWE

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OVIP (NROCKEFELLER) SN

SUBJ: VICE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT TO SINGAPORE

REF: STATE 059196

1. SETTING. EMBASSY ENVISAGES THE VICE PRESIDENT SPEAKING BRIEFLY (5-10 MINUTES) AND INFORMALLY TO AMERICAN COMMUNITY AT ABOUT MID POINT OF HIS TIME (APPROX 30 MINUTES) AT THE RESIDENCE. THIS SCENARIO WOULD GIVE HIM SEVERAL MINUTES BEFORE AND AFTER HIS REMARKS TO GREET INDIVIDUAL AMERICANS IN ATTENDANCE.

2. BELIEVE THAT MAJOR POINTS WHICH SHOULD BE EMPHASIZED IN VICE PRESIDENT'S REMARKS ARE (A) BICENTENNIAL--WHICH CONSTITUTES SPECIAL LINK THIS YEAR BETWEEN AMERICANS AT HOME AND THOSE LIVING ABROAD; (B) AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN SINGAPORE AND US PRESENCE AND ROLE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA; AND (C) POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS/TRENDS IN THE US.

3. POSSIBLE SPECIFIC TALKING POINTS FOLLOW:

BICENTENNIAL - STRESS THAT OUR HERITAGE AND TRADITIONS STILL  
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SERVE US VERY WELL INDEED. IT IS APPROPRIATE THAT IN 1976 US

SHOULD BE RECOVERING FROM A DECADE OF FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC TURMOIL. AT THE THRESHHOLD OF OUR THIRD CENTURY AMERICA IS POISED FOR RENEWED ECONOMIC GROWTH AND POLITICAL CONSENSUS. WHETHER THE PROMISE OF THE MOMENT IS REALIZED DEPENDS ON THE ABILITY AND WILL OF INDIVIDUAL AMERICANS AND OUR INSTITUTIONS TO SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITIES AT HAND RATHER THAN TO PURSUE SELF-SERVING AND NARROW OBJECTIVES.

AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN SINGAPORE; US PRESENCE IN SEA - REFER TO THE LARGE (8,000) AND INFLUENTIAL LOCAL COMMUNITY SPEARHEADED BY THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION, THE AMERICAN BUSINESS COUNCIL AND OTHERS. NOTE THAT AMERICANS OVERSEAS ARE SEEN BY OTHERS AS REPRESENTATIVES OF THE US. IT IS THEREFORE MOST IMPORTANT THAT YOU, IN WORD AND DEED, REFLECT OUR BEST TRADITIONS AND THAT, INDIVIDUALLY AND CORPORATELY, YOU BE GOOD CITIZENS OF THE COMMUNITY IN WHICH YOU RESIDE. STATE THAT YOU HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT SINGAPORE'S AMERICAN COMMUNITY RATES HIGH MARKS IN THIS REGARD. POINT OUT THAT IN AN INTERDEPENDENT WORLD THE US WILL CONTINUE TO PLAY, WHEREVER IT IS WELCOME AND WHEREVER IT PERCEIVES ITS INTERESTS INVOLVED, AN ACTIVE AND POSITIVE ROLE. REAFFIRM US INTEREST IN AND SUPPORT FOR THE PEACEFUL DEVELOPMENT OF SINGAPORE AND SOUTHEAST ASIA. REFER TO THE VITAL ROLE OF THE US PRIVATE SECTOR IN THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE REGION AS WELL AS TO THE HEALTH OF THE US ECONOMY (US WAS SINGAPORE'S LARGEST TRADE PARTNER IN 1975, VOLUME EXCEEDING US\$1.5 BILLION. MOREOVER, THERE ARE 400-500 US FIRMS REPRESENTED IN SINGAPORE THROUGH MANUFACTURING FACILITIES OR REPRESENTATIVE OFFICES. BOOK VALUE OF US INVESTMENT APPROACHES US\$1 BILLION. SINGAPOREANS EMPLOYED BY AMERICAN FIRMS NUMBER IN EXCESS OF 40,000).

POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS/TRENDS IN US - IN CONCLUDING, VICE PRESIDENT COULD GIVE HIS OWN VIEWS OF CURRENT SITUATION IN US AND VENTURE ANY FORECASTS HE MAY WISH TO MAKE. HOLDRIDGE

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